



Arizona State Citizen Corps Council

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Arizona Department of Homeland Security
1700 W. Washington, Suite 210, Phoenix, AZ 85007



Governor Janice K. Brewer

Meeting Minutes

Director Gilbert M. Orrantia

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
10:02 a.m. – Call to order
2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	MEMBERS ABSENT:
Antonio Hernandez, Chair (Telephonically)	Cynthia Dowdall
Cheryl Bowen Kennedy on behalf of Gilbert Orrantia	Karen Hauca
Paul Schickel (Telephonically)	Steve Moore
T.D. Kennard (Telephonically)	Steve Rutherford
	Gary White
	Cher Williams
	Robert Shogren
	Vickie Owen
GUESTS PRESENT:	
Dawn Hermanson, Tempe	
John Swenson, Payson (Telephonically)	
Alexander Hunter (Telephonically)	
AZDOHS PRESENT:	
Fernando Reyes	

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Paul Schickel moved to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. STRATEGIC PLAN REPORTS

Goal 1: **Serve** as a State Voice for the Network of Citizen Corps Programs and Local Councils
Liaison Reports (North, South, East, West, Central)

North: None available.

South: None available.

East: John Swenson on behalf of Payson – Reports that N. Gila County CERT finished IS-317 training in Winkelman. He also reported that they participated on the 4th of July to provide launch security for the Town of Payson fireworks show. They have scheduled a CERT presentation for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) within the Gila County Education Department for the 4th of Oct. During the end of October, they will be providing security with the town of Payson on the Halloween Trunk or Treat function. Lastly, they will be meeting next Tuesday with emergency management personnel to discuss reactivation of the Southern Gila County CERT team. Their next meeting will occur during the second week of October, not scheduled yet.

West: None available.

Central: Antonio – Central has had a series of storms, so CERT programs have been active assisting communities affected by flooding conducting damage assessments.

Dawn Hermanson on behalf of Tempe CERT – Tempe CERT has been having monthly meetings the third Saturday of every month. She reports she just took over the position replacing Joe Rio at the end of May and has been working on networking opportunities for the program. They have had presentations with ASU Security, SRP Emergency Management and Guardian Technical Concepts. Oct. 18 is Tempe Public Safety Day, and they plan to assist the Tempe Fire Department. Tempe CERT also got a call out from Sister Cities for Oct. 11 to assist with the Frank Kush Run. Lastly, their next CERT meeting will be replaced with Public Safety Day event. John Moede will begin CERT training for Scottsdale on Oct. 9th.

Goal 2: **Promote** *Citizen Program Participation and Volunteer Activities which strengthen community resiliency*

A Governor's Proclamation declaring September as Arizona Preparedness Month was issued as part of National Preparedness Month. From the national perspective America's PrepareAthon Day of Action is scheduled for Sept. 30th. Citizen Corps Councils and partner programs were encouraged to register on the national website for activities that are planned for America's PrepareAthon or National Preparedness Month.

Antonio indicated there is an opportunity to participate on the Sept. 30th Day of Action by being able to send out an alert. For all of those that are affiliated with the Citizen Corps or CERT programs and are unit leaders, Antonio encouraged them to fill out a template that asks for contact information. The information will be loaded onto a system that will send out a notification and walk people through the process of receiving an alert and confirming receipt that will provide results of the outreach effort. If anybody would like to participate in the alert, he encouraged everybody to send ADHS their contact information to be grouped together for the statewide notification drill.

Cheryl: Via email, Steve Rutherford reported that Graham County applied for a grant through United Way and it seemed like they were going to get it. They will be using the funding to continue their CPR and First Aid training courses.

Antonio welcomed Alexander Hunter (AJ). He is the State Medical Reserve Corps coordinator and also oversees the State emergency system for registration with AZDHS. Antonio also spoke on the America PrepareAthon media brochure that included recommendations for different themes for promoting NPM throughout the month of September. ADHS social media followed the recommendations and having been sending out tweets and Facebook posts through their social media preparedness campaign. The campaign was also tied back to their back to school preparedness campaign which provides information to parents, children, teachers, administrators, care providers on the basic preparedness principles. ADHS also reached out to the preparedness community and participated in health and awareness fairs. Recently with Charles Schwab, they reached out to 600 people by providing them information on Ready kits and ready.gov information.

In addition, the Act Kids Health Fair is scheduled for Sept. 27 at the South Phoenix Salvation Army center. ADHS is collaborating with Phoenix CERT to provide support during a health fair that will provide health screenings that include dental, hearing, vision and immunizations. They expect about 5,000 people to come through the center that will be set up on ICS principles and using CERT team coordination during check-in/check-out processes that will provide CERT teams training/exercise on these processes. Also the CERT teams will participating on some of the operational planning pieces.

AZDOHS offered materials in support of a Citizen Corps table at that event.

Goal 3: **Support** *the growth and sustainability of the Statewide network of Citizen Corps Programs*

Daisy Mountain and Black Canyon City were very actively involved with the storms and flooding that has occurred in recent weeks. Paul Schickel submitted an after action report on the participation that they had on those events which was forwarded to FEMA Region 9. Angela Nak, FEMA Region 9 forwarded the information to our National partners who will take a look at it and see if they can include the information on a future CERT bulletin.

Antonio reported that the Medical Reserve Corps have roughly 13 programs in the state and they seem to be doing well. Their members are doing activities through their sponsor organizations. We will be looking to see how many will be continuing into the next program year.

T.D. Kennard indicated that they started an initiative in the East Valley called East Metro Communications Group that primarily consists of CERT communicators from the City of Chandler, Town of Gilbert and the City of Tempe. The three jurisdictions are working on a collaborative drill and beginning an amateur radio communications network which will be on a Chandler city owned repeater. The group is emphasizing communications in a multi-jurisdictional collaborative fashion. TD requested he be added to the call-drill list.

Goal 4: **Strengthen** *our internal capacity to support local citizen corps councils
Partner Program Advocate Reports (CERT, VIPS, FC, MRC, USAonWatch)*

Goal 5: **Prepare** *internal resources and capabilities to support Council Roles and Responsibilities in the State
Emergency Response and Recovery Plan*

Previous discussion included suggestions to assemble a workgroup to review the Citizen Corps annex to the State Emergency Response and Recovery Plan as well as the Resource Typing Matrix. Reviews of the Executive Order and Council by-laws may be warranted also. The group was interested in having a workgroup to begin the dialogue in between now and the next meeting through a conference call on the these topics.

2. RESOURCE TYPING MATRIX – SUPPORT DOCUMENT

This topic will be reviewed and discussed by the proposed workgroup of interested parties.

3. 2014 MEETING DATES: October 16

Based upon the cancellation of the August meeting and the rescheduling to September, attendees concurred that the October meeting should be canceled and the time used as a workgroup meeting.

Participants were reminded that Oct. 16 is the “Great Shake Out Day” for conducting an earthquake drill.

The next AZSCCC meeting will be in February.

4. AZDOHS UPDATES/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

AZDOHS announcements – most of the 2014 Homeland Security awards went out this month.

Citizen Corps Council updates:

The national registration system for Citizen Corps and CERT has been updated recently.

From the national perspective, they are working on a four year strategic plan. They are working on a new four-day Citizen Corps Council Whole Community Resilience course to be piloted at EMI in the summer of 2015.

We also have a new Citizen Corps representative that will be in the FEMA Region 9 office who will be working on preparedness. His affiliation is through the Presidential management program. In addition to Angela Nak, FEMA Region 9, William Kuhn will also assist with Citizen Corps and community preparedness.

FEMA Region 9 is looking for programs that are working with youth preparedness education. They are looking to have 1-3 organizations from AZ that will commit to the Youth Preparedness Education Strategy. If there are any organizations that have this type of program or would be interested, please contact Cheryl or refer to the email that was forwarded to Citizen Corps and CERT POCs.

AZDOHS is working on the State THIRA and State Preparedness Report (SPR). As part of that report, there is a section specifically related to Citizen Corps and community preparedness. A copy will be sent to the lead coordinators to complete

Antonio: ADHS in conjunction with Arizona Division of Emergency Management, representatives from the health care sector and public health recently participated in a Human Services Recovery Boot Camp training which focused on disaster preparedness planning within the realm of recovery.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

John Swenson (Payson): Reported they have the coordination completed and FCC authorization for a mobile repeater that would be statewide and have some limited use in Maricopa County. they are now in the process of putting together the hardware for the repeater.

Antonio: There will be a statewide exercise on Nov. 18 and 19th with the Division of Emergency Management that is focusing on communications. There was a tabletop exercise recently conducted in August. Nov. 18 will be a setup date for equipment and on the 19th partners statewide will be participating in a communications drill. ADHS will be running a parallel functional exercise that will focus within their preparedness grant to do a resource request.

6. CALL TO ADJOURN

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:46 a.m.

